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 (PCT Rule 61.2)

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International filing date (day/month/year) 27 April 2000 (27.04.00)	Priority date (day/month/year) 28 April 1999 (28.04.99)

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1. The designated Office is hereby notified of its election made:

in the demand filed with the International Preliminary Examining Authority on:

27 November 2000 (27.11.00)

in a notice effecting later election filed with the International Bureau on:

2. The election was

was not

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference RFB/P60397W0	FOR FURTHER ACTION see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
International application No. PCT/GB 00/ 01449	International filing date (day/month/year) 27/04/2000	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 28/04/1999
Applicant A W HAINSWORTH & SONS LTD		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 2 sheets.

It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

- a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 - the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).
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2. Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box I).

3. Unity of Invention is lacking (see Box II).

4. With regard to the title,

- the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.
- the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the abstract,

- the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.
- the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No.

- as suggested by the applicant.
- because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.
- because this figure better characterizes the invention.

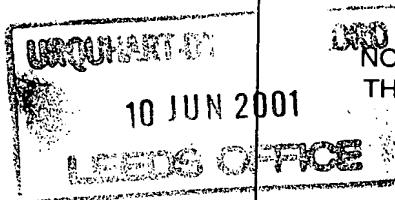
None of the figures.

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NOTIFICATION OF TRANSMITTAL OF
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IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION

International application No. PCT/GB00/01449	International filing date (day/month/year) 27/04/2000	Priority date (day/month/year) 28/04/1999
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Applicant

A W HAINSWORTH & SONS LTD et al.

1. The applicant is hereby notified that this International Preliminary Examining Authority transmits herewith the international preliminary examination report and its annexes, if any, established on the international application.
2. A copy of the report and its annexes, if any, is being transmitted to the International Bureau for communication to all the elected Offices.
3. Where required by any of the elected Offices, the International Bureau will prepare an English translation of the report (but not of any annexes) and will transmit such translation to those Offices.

4. REMINDER

The applicant must enter the national phase before each elected Office by performing certain acts (filing translations and paying national fees) within 30 months from the priority date (or later in some Offices) (Article 39(1)) (see also the reminder sent by the International Bureau with Form PCT/IB/301).

Where a translation of the international application must be furnished to an elected Office, that translation must contain a translation of any annexes to the international preliminary examination report. It is the applicant's responsibility to prepare and furnish such translation directly to each elected Office concerned.

For further details on the applicable time limits and requirements of the elected Offices, see Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide.

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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International application No. PCT/GB00/01449	International filing date (day/month/year) 27/04/2000	Priority date (day/month/year) 28/04/1999
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC D03D15/12		
Applicant A W HAINSWORTH & SONS LTD et al.		
<p>1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</p> <p>2. This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).</p> <p>These annexes consist of a total of 4 sheets.</p>		
<p>3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basis of the report II <input type="checkbox"/> Priority III <input type="checkbox"/> Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability IV <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of unity of invention V <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement VI <input type="checkbox"/> Certain documents cited VII <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certain defects in the international application VIII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain observations on the international application 		

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No. PCT/GB00/01449

I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **elements** of the international application (*Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17)*):
Description, pages:

1,3-9	as originally filed		
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Claims, No.:

1-12	as received on	24/04/2001 with letter of	23/04/2001
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Drawings, sheets:

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2. With regard to the **language**, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language: , which is:

- the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of the international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

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- The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No. PCT/GB00/01449

- the description, pages:
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5. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)):
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6. Additional observations, if necessary:

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes:	Claims 1-12
	No:	Claims
Inventive step (IS)	Yes:	Claims 1-12
	No:	Claims
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims 1-12
	No:	Claims

2. Citations and explanations see separate sheet

VII. Certain defects in the international application

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:
see separate sheet

**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY
EXAMINATION REPORT - SEPARATE SHEET**

International application No. PCT/GB00/01449

Re Item V

Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

The present invention relates to a fire resistant textile material.

The document D1 = DE 296 11 356 U (X-doc.), that is considered to represent the **closest prior art**, is cited in the description, and discloses a textile material for gloves that is resistant to fire and cutting. However, D1 fails in disclosing a backing scrim with low yarn density.

The remaining documents of the search report (A-doc.) concern the technical background.

The **technical problem** addressed by the invention is to provide a fire resistant textile with improved thermal protection properties, that is moreover light and comfortable to wear.

The **solution** consists in providing a textile material according to claim 1, in which a dense outer layer of fire resistant fibres, is backed by a scrim of low thermal shrinkage fibres.

The backing scrim supports the fire resistant layer, and ensures at the same time bulkiness for improved thermal protection, and lightweight for improved comfort.

The available prior art documents, be they taken alone or in combination, fail in disclosing or suggesting such a solution to the problem to be solved.

Therefore the independent claim 1 and the dependent claims 2-12 seem to meet the requirements of Article 33 (1), (2), and (3) PCT.

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International application No. PCT/GB00/01449

Re Item VII

Certain defects in the international application

The independent claim is not drafted in the two-part form (Rule 6.3 b) PCT). This defect would need to be overcome when entering the European phase.

The citation of the closest prior art document (DE 296 11 356 U) contains a mistake (description, page 2, "U" document and not "A" document).

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(54) Title: FIRE RESISTANT TEXTILE MATERIAL

(57) Abstract

A fire resistant textile material comprising a woven faced fabric composed of fibres selected from meta-aramid, polyamideimide and mixtures thereof, the fabric including a woven mesh of strengthening fibres selected from para-aramid, polyparaphenylene terephthalamide and copolymer and mixtures thereof.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7 D03D15/12 D04B21/16 A41D31/00

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
IPC 7 D03D D04B A41D

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	DE 296 11 356 U (SEIZ) 5 September 1996 (1996-09-05) claim 1 ----	1-6,8,15
A	US 5 691 040 A (BARBEAU) 25 November 1997 (1997-11-25) column 2, line 30 - line 43 ----	1,3,7,9, 10,15
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Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.

Patent family members are listed in annex.

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